(c) if so, the details oPthe steps taken by Government to educate people in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) According to Indian Council of Medical Research, no sufficient data are available that Indians are more prone to heart diseases in comparison to other countries. The three main risk factors for coronary heart disease are smoking, physical inactivity and faulty diet. Since the causes of this disease are attributed among others to individual life style and food habits, the doctors are creating awareness among the people for adopting proper life style and food habits to control these diseases.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Process of Economic Development in NER

1355. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken by Government for accelerating the process of economic development in the North Eastern Region;

(b) whether any plan has been chalked out for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any targets have been Fixed in this context; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI A RUN SHOURIE): (a) The Government of India have taken the following measures to accelerate the process of development of North Eastern Region:—

(i) Implementation of the Agenda for Socio-Economic Development of North Eastern States and Sikkim as announced by the Prime Minister in January, 2000 at Shillong. The details of the projects/schemes under the Agenda are given at Statement-1. *(See* below)

(ii) North Eastern States & Sikkim are categorized as Special Category States where 90% of the Central Assistance for the plan is given as grant from Central Government.

(iii) Central Assistance is provided to support the State Development Plan. Details of assistance provided during Ninth Plan are given at

Statement-I I *(See* below) 10% of the Plan Budget of by all the Central Ministries is required to be spent in the North Eastern Region except for a few exempted Ministries.

(iv) From the shortfall in the spending of 10% by Union Ministries a Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources have been created for financing of infrastructure projects in the North Eastern Region. Total release for projects under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources is indicated at statement-Ill. *(See below)*

(v) Setting up of North Eastern Council for funding of inter-state and regional infrastructure projects, mainly transport, communication and power development. Details of expenditure undertaken by North Eastern Council are given at Statement-I V. *(See below)*

(b) to (d) Detailed Action Plans giving milestones/dates for completion of each scheme have been prepared by the concerned Ministries/Departments/ Agencies. The implementation of the schemes under the Agenda for Socio-Economic Development of North Eastern States and Sikkim is being directly monitored by the Prime Ministers' Office. The details of the same may be seen at the website pmindia.nic.in.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement-I

Agenda for Socio-Economic Development of North Eastern States & Sikkim

(i) Provision of Rs.500 crore for Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for North East and Sikkim.

(ii) Provision of banking facilities at all border trading points within oneyear,

(iii) Disbursing of at least Rs. 50 crore per annum by North East Development Finance Corporation (NEDFI).

(iv) Setting up of an Export Development Fund (EDF) with an initial cost of Rs. 5 crore and work out the modalities for operation.

(v) Development of four border township of Moreh (Manipur), Zokhawther(Mizoram), Dawki (Meghalaya) and Suterkhandi (Assam) in two years at a cost of Rs.20 crore.

(vi) Setting up of an Empowered Committee to process the recommendations of Inter- Ministerial Task Force on border trade.

(vii) Upgradation of North Eastern India Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences in Shillong at a cost of Rs.422.60 crore.

(viii) Setting up of a Central University in Mizoram. Passing of a Bill by" Lok Sabha and development of infrastructure at a cost of Rs.25 crore for the University.

(ix) Doubling of number of trainees/Industrial Training Institutes for imparting training in new trades in the next 3 years with an outlay of Rs. 100 crore.

(x) Expansion of the list of items of expenditure incurred by Police eligible for reimbursement, which would include 50% of POL costs, village guards, village defence committees, and home guards.

(xi) Modernisation of Police force Scheme and its extension to Sikkim and Additional reimbursement of Rs. 40 crore per annum for purchase of equipment for police modernisation.

(xii) Sanction of three India Reserve Batallion (IRB) for Tripura, Mizoram and Manipur (estimated expenditure for 3 IRBs for three years will be Rs.45 crore).

(xiii) (a) Peace Bonus of Rs. 180 crore for Mizoram to tide over its financial problems.

(b) Provision of an outlay of Rs.50 crore every year from Non-Lapsable Pool of Resources for five years for specific infrastructure development projects of Mizoram.

(xiv) Fencing of remaining portion of Indo-Bangladesh Border, and construction of roads with a total outlay of Rs. 1,335 crore and work to start in April, 2000.

(xv) Streamlining of procedure for selection of projects under Central Non-Lapsable Pool of Resources for North East and sanction of projects worth Rs. 500 crore and to build up infrastructure and take up economic development projects.

(xvi) Implementation of Loktak Downstream Hydro Power Project (90MW) in Manipur at a cost of Rs.578 crore.

(xvii) Implementation of Teesta V Hydro Power Project (510 MW) power project in Sikkim at a cost of Rs.2,198.04 crore.

(xviii) Initiation of action to ensure that work on Subansiri Lower Side (600 MW) Power project in Arunachal Pradesh commences by December 2001. (Project cost is around Rs. 3,000 crore). [Revised capacity assessed at 1200 MW and cost at Rs. 6000 crore].

(xix) Preparation and implementation of a scheme for rural electrification of 500 tribal villages in North East at a cost of around Rs. 30 crore.

(xx) Additional assistance for implementation of on-going critical, sub-critical transmission system at a cost of Rs. 239.92 crore.

(xxi) Civil Aviation:

(a) Provision of Aviation Turbine Fuel to small aircrafts at international prices.

(b) Treatment of Aviation Turbine Fuel for small aircraft as declared good so as to reduce the level of sales tax of 4%c.

(c) No. IATT (Inland Air Travel Tax) for routes operated in the NE States.

(xxii) Sanction of 8 road/bridge projects under NEC with total outlay of

Rs. 258.24 Cr.

(xxiii) Provision of at least Rs. 100 crore for development of 12 new National Highways/extension of existing highways covering a total length of 1,962 km.

(xxiv) Programme to establish computer information Centres in all the 446 blocks in the 7 North Eastern States and 40 blocks in Sikkim and completion of the project in the next 2 years at a minimum cost of Rs. 100 crore.

(xxv) Extending the excise concession under the new industrial policy to the Numaligarh Refinery in Assam.

(xxvi) To reform the Brahmaputra Board and to make its functioning more effective and implementation of flood management schemes.,

(xxvii) Sanction of Technology Mission for Horticulture in the current financial year with a total outlay of Rs. 262.50 crore, over the next three years.

(xxviii) Sanction of special programme for development of infrastructure and other facilities in the Bodo Autonomous Council (BAC) Areas with a total outlay of Rs. 30 crore per annum for three years. I

Statement-ll

Central Plan Assistance during ninth Plan

States	Amount Allocated (Rs. in crores)
Arunachal Pradesh	2689.235
Assam	6709.77
Manipur	2105.175
Meghalaya	1679.12
Mizoram	1829.789
Nagaland	1925.35
Sikkim	1201.41
Tripura	2407.8898

Statement-Ill

Central Assistance from Non Lapsable Pool of resources North East & Sikkim

(Amount Recommended for Release as on 18.9.2001)

(Rs. in crores)

States	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Arunachal Pradesh	15.00	19.65	53.96	26.83
Assam	28.31	105.86	80.08	8.70
Manipur	20.34	121.67	23.85	9.30
Meghalaya	8.79	3.00	32.63	9.31
Mizoram	9.00	56.15	52.16	19.00
Nagaland	20.01	44.08	22.16	25.06
Tripura	10.00	22.50	86.91	8.00
Sikkim	10.00	32.01	30.29	10.50
Schemes common to NE & Sikkim	—	9.00	9.46	
TOTAL	121.45	413.92	391.50	116.72

Statement-IV

Investment of NEC funds in States

(As on March, 2001)

(Rs. in crores)

States	Total funds released since inception upto the end of 2000-2001.
Arunachal Pradesh	1610.63
Assam	857.52
Manipur ?	379.66
Meghalaya	338.99
Mizoram	353.95
Nagaland	875.16
Tripura	286.42
Total	4702.39
NEC Sectt. and other Agencies	202.36
GRAND TOTAL	4904.75

Construction of New Manipur House in Kolkata

1356. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for constructing a new Manipur House in Kolkata has been cleared;

(b) if so, when has it been cleared; and

(c) the present state of construction of the second Manipur Bhawan and which agency has been given the contract for construction?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) According to information received from State Government, the Government of Manipur has accorded administrative approval on 29.12.1995 for the construction of the second Manipur House (Bhawan) at an estimated cost of Rs. 5.81 crores. The construction work was awarded to M/s. O.C.P. India Ltd., Kolkata on 31st March, 1999. Work has begun and so far an expenditure of Rs. 33 lakhs has been incurred.